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Two-vehicle crash closes Maluhia Road on Friday

KŌLOA – A portion of Maluhia Road near the Tree Tunnel in Kōloa was closed in both directions for several hours Friday, following a two-vehicle crash that resulted in various injuries.

Two people suffered life-threatening injuries, three people sustained non-life-threatening injuries, and another person was uninjured.

According to a preliminary investigation, five occupants from Canada was heading northbound in a Nissan SUV on Maluhia Road shortly before 3 p.m., and apparently crossed the center line and struck a southbound tractor trailer in a head-on collision.

Kaua'i Police closed Maluhia Road for approximately five-and-a-half hours while officials conducted an on-scene investigation and worked to clear the road. Additional time was needed in order to tow the tractor trailer.

Two occupants from Canada who suffered life-threatening injuries were medivaced to Queens Hospital, two other occupants from Canada were admitted to Wilcox Hospital, and the fifth occupant in the Nissan SUV was treated and released. The driver of the tractor trailer was uninjured.

The investigation of the crash remains ongoing.

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